**Regarding OOD Program Participants:**

**General Rule:****Accommodate and do what is in the reasonable best interest of the in-district taxpayers and in-district participants of** **Recreational District 14, St. Tammany Parish, LA.**

Programmers should ask if a program being analyzed for potential OOD participants can run properly with only in-district participants.

If yes, the program should generally NOT take OOD participants.

However, programmers and staff should consider if adding OOD participants and/or volunteers help the in-district participants, and the program as a whole, and as such, explore an exception to the General Rule.

*Please note, programs do not need to be fully contained within Rec. Dist. 14, and The Board encourages collaboration for teams and leagues with other area organizations and Recreational Districts.*

Moreover, Programmers are to review exceptions to the General Rule by considering various factors listed below on a sport by sport, and case by case basis.

As such, depending on the situation, one or more of any of the following factors may weigh more heavily than the others, but ALL factors should be reviewed, weighed, and considered, while keeping the General Rule in mind:

Factors:

* Fairness to, and priority for, our taxpayers and in-district program participants of Rec. District 14
* Field space and sustainability of our facilities to prevent abuse and overuse
* Number of participants and teams and desired recreational competition
* Calendaring and coordination with other programs
* Coach availability and volunteers
* Track record and experience of OOD participant(s) and volunteer(s)
* Family dynamics and complementary sports, ex. cheer / football, baseball / softball
* OOD Fees and potential availability of fundraising or scholarships
* Relationship with Rec. 14 stakeholders, notably, MYB Board, the Rec. 14 Board, and Rec. 14 Employees
* Capacity and distancing rules considering the fire code, pandemic rules, etc.
* Mobility of potential participant taxpayers and volunteers into and out of the district
* The Board maintains the ability to apply further exceptions to the OOD Participation for differing circumstances so long as the General Rule still applies.

**Regarding Utilization Fees for OOD Participants:**

* *In 2024, the median Rec. 14 district taxpayer paid roughly $206. Since OOD participants do not pay Rec. 14 taxes, if they are not charged an OOD fee to utilize Rec. 14, participation and use of the park is unfair to in-district taxpayers.*

**Policy:****Accommodate and do what is in the best interest of the in-district taxpayers and in-district participants of Recreational District 14, St. Tammany Parish, LA.** **No recreation program should exceed 5% out-of-district; no competitive program should exceed 30% out-of-district on a particular team or at a particular age level (per gender)**

As such, depending on the situation, one or more of any of the following factors may weigh more heavily than the others, but ALL factors should be reviewed, weighed, and considered, while keeping the General Rule and 30% or 5% guideline (depending on activity) in mind:

Factors:

* Fairness to, and priority for, our taxpayers and in-district program participants of Rec. District 14
* Field space and sustainability of our facilities to prevent abuse and overuse
* Park staff ability and availability
* Number of participants and teams
* Coach availability and volunteers
* Track record and experience of OOD participant(s) and volunteer(s)
* Relationship with Rec. 14 stakeholders, notably, MYB Board, the Rec. 14 Board, and Rec. 14 Employees

The Board maintains the ability to allow additional OOD Participation for differing circumstances so long as the General Rule still applies. Accommodate and do what is in the best interest of the in-district taxpayers and in district participants of Recreational District 14, St. Tammany Parish, LA.

RS 14:133

Filing or maintaining false public records

A.  Filing false public records is the filing or depositing for record in any public office or with any public official, or the maintaining as required by law, regulation, or rule, with knowledge of its falsity, of any of the following:

(1)  Any forged document.

(2)  Any wrongfully altered document.

(3)  Any document containing a false statement or false representation of a material fact.

B.  The good faith inclusion of any item of cost on a Medical Assistance Program cost report which is later determined by audit to be nonreimbursable under state and federal regulations shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this Section.

C. (1)  Whoever commits the crime of filing false public records shall be imprisoned for not more than five years with or without hard labor or shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(2)  In addition to the penalty provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a person convicted of the provisions of this Section may be ordered to pay restitution to the state if the state suffered a loss as a result of the offense.  Restitution shall include the payment of legal interest at the rate provided in R.S. 13:4202.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 454, §1; Acts 1982, No. 676, §1; Acts 1992, No. 539, §1; Acts 1995, No. 787, §1; Acts 2010, No. 811, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 2011.